MEET OUR NEWSPAPER STAFF—Even if you are not in this club, you can submit an article or art work for our newspaper. This can be a fun way to express yourself!

My name is **Sarah Agate**. I’m in 6th grade, I’m 11 years old and I LOVE baking and cooking!!!!!!! I play basketball and I love to run so I’m probably going to do track or cross-country. My favorite type of food is seafood!! I really like writing about people’s past experiences.

My name is **Olivia Reichman**. I’m 12 years old. I’m in 6th grade. My teacher is Mrs. Zduniak. I do swimming, gymnastics, and basketball. I’m thrilled to be in Newspaper Club. I like writing about sports, and animals.

My name is **Adrianna Pinckney**. I am in 6th grade. I love to bake. I love to play soccer, basketball, swimming, and softball. I am going to do the sports section with one of my friends. I have 1 dog and a brother. I love baking cheesecake too.

Hi, my name is **Lotta Pflaum** and I’m 13. I am the editor of newspaper club. I love dancing, reading, and playing tennis. I have a younger sister who’s 4, a younger brother who’s 11, and an older brother who’s 17 years old.

My name is **Colton Roszko**. I am 11 years old and in the 6th grade. My favorite sports team is the Yankees. In my free time, I enjoy wrestling, reading, tennis, and riding my bike with my neighbors. My favorite subject is math, although science is a close 2nd.

My name is **Jillian Cerulo**. I am in 6th grade. I have two brothers, one sister, and a crazy dog. I like basketball, softball, volleyball, and reading.

My name is **Kieran Cook** and I like to make my own YouTube videos. I have a YouTube channel named Chez Gamer. Be sure to subscribe!

My name is **Anila Schmidt** and I’m a writer for the LAMS newspaper. My signature story is “The Adventures of Calypso” which I’ve been writing since 5th grade. This year I will be continuing this story along with other short stories. I want to welcome the 6th graders. Have a wonderful year everyone!

My name is **Scott Fluchere-Cameron** and I am 11 years old. I’m in sixth grade and I like Harry Potter books, but I’ll read any fantasy book. I play trumpet, clarinet, guitar, piano and the ukulele. I’m really excited to be in newspaper club this year!

My name is **Sco Fluchere-Cameron** and I am 11 years old. I’m in sixth grade and I like Harry Potter books, but I’ll read any fantasy book. I play trumpet, clarinet, guitar, piano and the ukulele. I’m really excited to be in newspaper club this year!

Why do we eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day?

By Colton Roszko

Many people eat turkey on Thanksgiving but why not fish or hamburgers? Experts say that turkey might not have been eaten at the first Thanksgiving feast. The best account of the Pilgrims’ harvest feast comes from colonist Edward Winslow. He wrote that Pilgrims gathered wild fowl for the meal, although that could have been ducks or geese but there were wild turkeys in the Plymouth area and they were a significantly bigger bird and could feed large groups of people.

The idea of giving thanks and celebrating the harvest was popular in certain parts of the country. It became an annual national holiday in the 19th century. Presidents occasionally declare a Thanksgiving Day celebration, but the holiday hadn’t completely caught on nationwide.

Colonists hunted wild turkeys during the autumn of 1621 and since turkey is a North American bird, it gained traction as the Thanksgiving meal of choice for Americans after Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863.
Our eighth-grade class traveled to Washington, D.C. during the first week in October. The trip was a 3-day, 2-night excursion to our nation’s capital. During our stay, they had the opportunity to visit some of the greatest museums and most historic locations in our country. Our first stop was Fort McHenry in Baltimore right on the Baltimore harbor.

We walked around the grounds and saw a movie about what exactly happened there. We learned that in August 1814, British forces marched on Washington, defeated U.S. forces, and burned the Capitol. Then, on September 13-14, the British attacked Fort McHenry. The failure of the bombardment and sight of the American flag inspired Francis Scott Key to compose "The Star-Spangled Banner."

That evening we had dinner and headed out with a private tour guide on each bus to view all of the city’s top memorials and attractions, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Marine Corps War Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

A keepsake is our red tee shirts and a red hoodie that was also given to every eighth grader, even to those that did not go on the trip. See Mrs. Temple if you did not receive one. This trip was a wonderful, educational and exciting experience for our 8th grade students.
A Highlight to the Historic Arlington Cemetery: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Arlington National Cemetery, final resting place for thousands of American soldiers and others who have served and sacrificed, isn’t just about the history of war. Rows and rows of white headstones tell war stories across the generations, honoring young soldiers killed in action as well as veterans who lived into old age, long past their military service. There are memorials there marking tragic moments in American history, including a tribute to the astronauts who perished when the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded and the eternal flame at the grave of President John F. Kennedy.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded by a marching uniformed sentinel 24 hours a day, with a changing of the guard on the hour.
More Highlights from the Washington, D.C. Trip

Fort McHenry:

The eighth graders visited Fort McHenry in Baltimore where we participated and witnessed the reenactment of the raising the flag.

The Battle of Baltimore would be remembered only as one of a few American victories of consequence in the War of 1812 had not Francis Scott Key so effectively dramatized the bombardment, the flag and much of the feeling of the day in verse.

A week before the battle, Key, an influential young Washington lawyer, set out with Col. John S. Skinner, U.S. Commissioner General of Prisoners, on a mission to the British fleet. They sought the release of a friend, Dr. William Beanes, arrested for allegedly violating a pledge of good conduct after the Battle of Bladensburg outside of Washington. Sailing from Baltimore on September 5, they reached the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay on September 7, and a few days of negotiation had arranged for Beanes to go free. But because they had learned of the British plan to attack Baltimore, they were detained until after the assault for fear they would alert the city’s defenders. Key, Colonel Skinner, and Dr. Beanes witnessed the long bombardment from the deck of a U.S. truce ship. Key later described how he felt when he saw McHenry’s flag still waving at dawn on the 14th:

“Through the clouds of the war the stars of the banner still shone in my view, and I saw the discomfited host of its assailants driven back in ignominy to their ships. Then, in the hour of deliverance, and joyful triumph, my heart spoke; and ‘Does not such a country and such defenders of the country deserve a song?’ was its question.”

Key jotted down notes aboard the truce ship on September 14 and finished the poem upon his return to Baltimore the evening of the 16th. First titled “Defense of Fort McHenry,” the poem was published the next day and was soon being sung to the tune “To Anacreon in Heaven.” Now known as “The Star-Spangled Banner,” it became the National Anthem of the United States in 1931.
Sports
By Jillian Cerulo and Adrianna Pinchney

FOOTBALL

The boys modified football team had a great 2019 season. It started off with losing their first two games but their hard work paid off and they came back to win three of their last four. They had wins against Valley Central, FDR and ended the season with a win against Ellenville. Great job, Raiders! We’re proud of you and can’t wait to see what you do next year! With the Thanksgiving holiday, you can relax and watch some professional football on TV!

Science
By Colton Roszko

Why do leaves change color?

In the season of fall, many leaves change color from green to brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows. Why do they change color, and can it be predicted?

Leaves change color through a process called photoperiodism. Photoperiodism is just the response of plants to seasonal change. The green color of leaves comes from chlorophyll, which is what plants consume to create energy.

However, there are other colors underneath. So, when a leaf changes color, it stops producing chlorophyll because of the decrease in daylight and temperature, and the leaf is no longer green because of the decay of chlorophyll.

Leaves changing color can be predicted. There are certain chemicals in a plant that will make it change into a certain color. Carotenoids make leaves turn yellow, orange, or brown, while anthocyanin's are the chemicals that make a leaf turn red. However, this year, the beautiful fall colors will be sadly less colorful due to the hot weather, which has killed many leaves.

Therefore, we can see all the stunning colors of nature through late September to early December. Have a happy fall!
The house was so quiet, but then I heard a scream from upstairs. I ran upstairs and saw my little sister in the attic. I ran up, grabbed her and pulled her downstairs to the second floor. When we got into my room, I started asking some questions about why she was up there.

First of all, why were you up there? Mom told you not to go up there, but what do you do? You go up there anyway! She told me not to go up there too but I don’t know why.” I scolded her.

Rose (my little sister) said to me, “I was playing in my room and then I heard a swoosh sound from upstairs so went to see what it was. I opened the door and heard another whoosh sound. I saw two eyes staring at me! I didn’t know what it was. It was on a chair that we rarely use.”

I said sharply, “Why didn’t you tell me you heard something. I mean, it could have been something really bad.” My sister said, “Because I was curious about why mom said not to go up there and I think the house is haunted. Because every day I hear the same swoosh sound at the same time every day. I just wanted to find out what it was.”

All of the sudden we heard, Swoosh. “I’m coming for you.”

“See? That was what I keep trying to tell you!” said my sister.

I nervously asked, “Did you ever hear him say that before, that he was coming for you?”

“No,” she said a little panicky.

All of the sudden, I felt a little pain in the back of my neck.

“Ow!”

“What happen? Are you OK?”

“Yeah. Something just hit me in the back of my neck,” I said.

“That happened to me too! Maybe that means that the house is haunted. That would be really creepy and scary.”

I don’t know why I said this, but I did. “We should go upstairs and see. I want to see what you saw and see why mom told us not to go up there.” We held hands and slowly climbed the stairs to the attic. We were wide-eyed and shaking. We slowly opened the creaking door and saw the two eyes. We screamed and slammed the door and ran back to my room. We made a promise to ignore it and accept that something lives in our attic.

The PE Department Begin Their Lunch Time Class Games Versus the Faculty and Staff

The 6th grade Lightning Bolts put up a great fight against the LAMS Faculty and Staff, but lost 6-3. The dynamic scoring duo of Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Kaiser proved too much for the 6th grade team as both these teachers were on fire offensively! Mrs. Cerulo, Mrs. Mattson and Mrs. Keeney were defensive stoppers in the back court, supporting the ever tough goalie Mr. Armstrong. As usual, Coach Stutz, Caltabiano and Cassata were forces at both ends of the court, proving too much for the Lightning Bolts.

December 18th will be the show down battle for the 7th and 8th graders. Coach Wood should be back in action by then and a few other star faculty will be making their appearances as well. You won’t want to miss this battle. The streak is 18 years!
WHY IS CINDERELLA BAD AT SOCCER?… Because she’s always running away from the ball!

WHY DO BICYCLES FALL OVER?… Because they’re two-tired!!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A COW WITHOUT LEGS?….Ground Beef.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BEAR WITHOUT TEETH?….A Gummy Bear!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SLEEPING BULL?….A Bull Dozer!

IF A SEAGULL FLIES OVER THE SEA, WHAT FLIES OVER THE BAY??….A bagel!

Which hand is better to write with?… Neither, it’s better to write with a pencil!

WHICH RUNS FASTER, HOT OR COLD?…. Hot. Everyone can catch a cold.

What is a robot’s favorite snack?…. Computer chips!

KNOCK, KNOCK!

WHO’S THERE?

HATCH.

HATCH WHO?

BLESS YOU!

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM**

**Flight and Space**

The 6th grade Tech Ed classes, with a focus on flight and space, ended the first quarter by building and launching model rockets. Prior to building the rockets, students learned about the principles of rocket flight including concepts like gravity, balance, propulsion, and thrust. Each student built their rockets step by step in class and then they took them outside for the launch. The model rocket can soar up to 450 meters. Follow Mrs. Melitski’s Tech Ed Instagram @lams_tech_ed
A Boo-tiful Halloween

The weather was mysteriously eerie on Halloween! Here are some imaginative and hilarious costumes of our staff and students. Halloween is about the fun of dressing up and pretending to be someone else and that’s just what we did at LAMS!